

ward to do what was necessary and in that manner received the wound that must have killed him instantly.

As soon as word of his death reached me Capt. Geo. W. Gillete (now Major) and myself went over the field, finding his body where described. Am of the opinion a shell fragment entered the brain as his body was not mangled nor marred in any way. The body is buried as described in the official report and marked by a white cross made by his comrades and I understand that Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt has written either you or Capt. Field's mother, giving all the particulars, so will just say how sad and grief stricken, we, his comrades who loved him, are over the loss of such a noble man, a Christian gentleman and an officer loved by his fellow officers and men. Many others fell the same day, some fifteen or twenty of Capt. Field's own men, it was the hardest fight the division ever had, but victorious.

In your hour of sorrow and grief you have the sympathy of all of his fellow officers and men, especially his mother of whom I have often heard him speak.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) P. C. COTHMAN,

Lt. Col. 105th Engineers."

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"Climax, N. C.
Oct. 24, 1918.

Mr. J. M. Field,
Climax, N. C.

DEAR SIR:

Your letter just received.

My heart is too full to say much if I was able to write it. Bascom was as near and as dear to me as a brother and I assure you, you have my sympathy to the fullest.

Those of us who knew him best loved him most and I know when the hour came he met it as only a brave and true man can, for there was no yellow in the blood that ran in his veins.

If you write to your mother please extend to her my most sincere sympathy and also that I would come to see her if I could.